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“This office belongs to the citizens of the 35th district.”

State Senator Michelle A. McManus

New bill would allow for apprentice hunting licenses

Legislation I introduced in the Senate would allow non-hunters to experience the sport alongside more experienced hunters by purchasing an apprentice hunting license. Under Senate Bill 1105, anyone could hunt with an apprentice hunting license so long as they were accompanied by an experienced, licensed hunter at least 21 years old. They would not need to complete a hunter's safety course before going into the woods. An individual could hunt with an apprentice hunting license for only two years. If they wanted to hunt again, they would have to meet the requirements of a regular hunting license. The goal of the bill is to encourage more people to experience the sport of hunting, a sport which has seen lower participation numbers in recent years. SB 1105 is modeled after legislation recently signed into law in Ohio. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

Ski Patrol members can keep liability protection under new Michigan law

A new Michigan law I sponsored maintains liability protection to registered members of the National Ski Patrol who provide emergency care on the slopes. Emergency situations require quick actions, and even with the best training things don't always go by the book. Senate Bill 561, now Public Act 43, will maintain protection from civil damages to any member of the ski patrol who is acting in good faith and according to their training. This legislation does not protect against civil damages as a result of acts of omission amounting to gross negligence or willful misconduct. A rule change at the national level necessitated a change in Michigan law to ensure ski patrol members would continue to have this liability protection.

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